

REMARKS

The Office Action dated February 1, 2005 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to claims 49, 50-53, and 87-90, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto. Claims 48 and 86 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer

In the Office Action, at page 2, claims 48, 53-55, and 86 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,194,962 to Chen ("Chen '962"). Also, in the Office Action, at page 2, claims 86 and 87 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,5,734,297 to Huijsing et al. (Huijsing '297). At page 3 of the Office Action, claims 49 and 87 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Chen '962.

In the Office Action, claims 50-52 and 88-89 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Because objected claims 50-52 and 88-89 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the recitations of respective base claims 48 and 86, which have been cancelled, it is respectfully requested that new independent claims 50-52 and 88-90 and related dependent claims be allowed.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests that this application pass to issue.

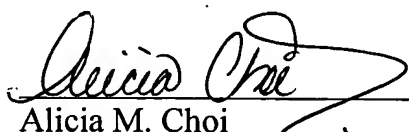
If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by

telephone, the applicant's undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time.

Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,


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